



**TTB** Alcohol and Tobacco  
Tax and Trade Bureau  
U.S. Department of the Treasury

# A Proud Past... A Focused Future

## Our Mission



### Collect

the taxes on alcohol, tobacco,  
firearms, and ammunition



### Protect

the consumer by ensuring the  
integrity of alcohol products



### Ensure

only qualified businesses enter the  
alcohol and tobacco industries



### Prevent

unfair and unlawful market activity  
for alcohol and tobacco products

Since 1789, the United States Treasury Department and its Bureaus have played an integral role as the steward of the U.S. economic and financial systems, and as an influential participant in the world economy. Today, supporting the Nation's economic vitality is at the core of the work performed by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).

TTB was formed in 2003 by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which divided the functions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms into two new entities. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives retained predominately firearms and explosive related functions within the Department of Justice and TTB retained the tax collection, trade facilitation, and consumer protection functions within the U.S. Department of Treasury.

TTB is staffed with approximately 500 employees, most of whom report to either the headquarters office in Washington, D.C., or the National Revenue Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. To effectively operate in the field, TTB maintains 10 offices in cities across the United States and Puerto Rico. These small, strategically located offices place the Bureau in close proximity to centers of trade and industry activity, and provide effective launch points for TTB's investigative teams. Additionally, the Bureau has laboratory facilities in Beltsville, Maryland and Walnut Creek, California.

## TTB

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protection functions within the  
Department of Treasury

## ATF

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
and Explosives retained predominantly  
firearms and explosive related functions  
within the Department of Justice

# Collect, Protect, Ensure



Annually, we collect over \$20 billion in federal excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco, firearms and ammunition.

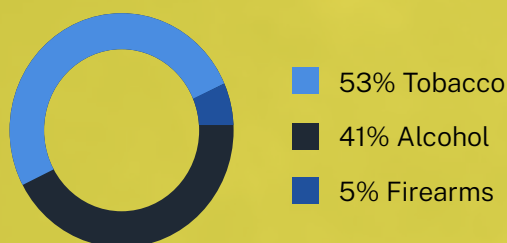


Annually, we issue approximately 7,000 original and 16,000 amended permits to alcohol and tobacco businesses, the vast majority of which are small businesses.



Annually, we process over 190,000 applications for Certificates of Label Approval, a federal certification required before an alcohol beverage can be bottled or introduced into domestic commerce.

## Estimated Annual Tax Collection by Industry



TTB administers Federal tax and trade laws on alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunition:

Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C.):

Chapter 32 — firearms and ammunition

Chapter 51 — spirits, wine, and beer

Chapter 52 — tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes

Federal Alcohol Administration Act  
(27 U.S.C. Chapter 8)

The Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act  
(27 U.S.C. Section 213)  
(Government warning label)

Webb-Kenyon Act  
(27 U.S.C. Section 122)



U.S. Department  
of the Treasury is  
established

1789

1791

Domestic Tax on  
Alcohol and Tobacco  
Act is enacted

Congress passes  
the Revenue Act to  
collect alcohol &  
tobacco taxes

1862

1913

The Webb Kenyon  
Act is passed

The 18th Amendment  
(National Prohibition  
Act) is passed

1919

1933

The 21st Amendment  
(Repeal of  
Prohibition) is passed

The Federal Alcohol  
Administration Act is  
signed

1935

1988

The Alcoholic  
Beverage Labeling  
Act is passed

The Alcohol and  
Tobacco Tax & Trade  
Bureau is created

2003